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WAH!
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OWW...
HEY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING, KIMURA?
AWW, I SCRAPED MYSELF.
NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS, OOTSUKA!
IT'S BECAUSE ALL YOU DO IS PLAY AROUND.
DID YOU HURT YOURSELF AGAIN?

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HEY!
I-IS IT OK TO USE THAT?
DON'T WORRY, IT'S A CLEAN HANDKERCHIEF.
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HUH?
COME ON WE NEED TO GO DISINFECT IT.
THAT'S NOT WHAT I—
come on now
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SO EVEN SHE CAN BE NICE SOMETIMES
SOMETHING WRONG?
N-NO...
AH.
SO YOU ESCORTED HIM HERE OOTSUKA-SAN?
what a good girl

I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING THAT DESERVES PRAISE.
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sitting down →
IT'S ONLY NATURAL TO HELP A CLASSMATE IN TROUBLE.
SHE...
SHE JUST USED ME TO LOOK GOOD IN FRONT OF THE TEACHER.
That's gotta be it
REMEMBER WHEN THAT HAPPENED?
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WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
When did that even happen?
I can't believe you played with an innocent boy's heart like that!
TO THINK THAT FOR EVEN ONE MOMENT I THOUGHT YOU WERE A GOOD PERSON BACK THEN!

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Fever
THIS IS THE RAMEN PLACE YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT?
YEP!
HMM, SO...
THAT'S JUN-SAN?

COME TO THINK OF IT, YEAH, I DON'T SEE HIM.
IS YOUR CLASSMATE NOT HERE?
OH, YOU CAME, OOTSUKA-CHAN!
COME IN, COME IN!
NO, NO. HE'S JUST A FRIEND.
WHO'S THIS GENTLEMAN OVER HERE?
COULD HE BE YOUR BOYFR—
HERE YOU GO.
MY NEW PROTOTYPE: CHILLED RAMEN!

SORRY, YOU ENDED UP TREATING ME TOO...
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
I WANTED TO HEAR A VARIETY OF PEOPLE'S OPINIONS ANYWAY.
THANKS FOR THE FOOD THEN.
OH!
IT'S DELICIOUS!
GLAD TO HEAR IT.
YEAH, IT'S GREAT!
THE BROTH IS A MIX OF SWEET AND SPICY. IT'S PERFECT!
AH, YES.
I ADDED SOME DOUBANJIANG TO GIVE IT A BIT OF A KICK.
YOU'RE RIGHT, THE MORE I EAT THE SPICIER THE AFTERTASTE BECOM—
I don't have a very good spice tolerance...
HERE HAVE SOME WATER!
S-SORRY
IT'S NOT THAT STRONG SO I THOUGHT IT'D BE FINE.

DON'T WORRY IT'S NOT REALLY THAT SPICY.
HE JUST CAN'T HANDLE ANY LEVEL OF SPICE.
B-BUT THE TASTE IS STILL REALLY GOOD.
I SEE, BUT A LOT OF PEOPLE BRING THEIR FAMILIES HERE IN SUMMER.
SO MAYBE I SHOULD TONE DOWN THE SPICE SOME MORE FOR THE KIDS.
AHAHA, YOU SAID YOU'RE NAME WAS KIMURA-KUN, RIGHT?
YOU'RE A VERY POLITE YOUNG MAN.
I WISH HAYATO'D LEARN FROM YOU.
OH YEAH.
IS TACHIBANA NOT HERE TODAY?
I MADE HIM REST TODAY, ALTHOUGH HE INSISTED HE WAS FINE.
HE'S GOT A SLIGHT COLD.
I SEE...

SORRY, YUI, BUT I HAVE TO GO.
MY MOM WANTS ME TO DO SOME SHOPPING FOR HER.
OH, OK.
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JUN-SAN!
SORRY I'M LATE.
OH HEY, IT'S TACHIBANA!
HUH?
THIS GUY IS YUUTA'S CLASSMATE?

WELL...
I'M ALREADY FEELING BETTER SO..
cough
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, HAYATO?
I TOLD YOU TO REST.
(DON'T TRY THIS AT HOME, KIDS!)
GAH!
SEE? AREN'T THEY AN INTERESTING DUO?
UM...
I'M FINE. I'M TELLING YOU I CAN WORK!
Don't you lie to me!
'BETTER' MY ASS. WHAT IF YOU GET THE GUESTS SICK?
GO BACK HOME RIGHT NOW!
I DIDN'T EXPECT THIS KIND OF GUY...
HE'S COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM KAZUMA OR HIKARU.
AH!
Yui Vision

T-THANKS FOR THE FOOD!
YOUR WELCOME.
COME BACK AGAIN, OK?
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I'LL SNEAK BACK TO TAKE A LOOK AND SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING.
I DIDN'T THINK HE'D LOOK SO MUCH LIKE A DELINQUENT.
WHAT'RE YOU THINKING YUUTA, BECOMING FRIENDS WITH A GUY LIKE HIM?
I'M TOO CURIOUS TO JUST LEAVE AND GO SHOPPING NOW...

COUGH. COUGH.
YOU SURE YOU'RE OK?
see, you're still sick
COME ON TACHIBANA, YOU'RE OBVIOUSLY IN NO CONDITION TO WORK.
WHAT IF YOU GET JUN-SAN OR THE CUSTOMERS SICK?
EXACTLY. THAT'D JUST MAKE THINGS EVEN WORSE.
SORRY TO MAKE YOU DO THIS OOTSUKA-CHAN, BUT COULD YOU PLEASE WALK THIS DUNCE HOME?
SURE!
HUH!? WHY DOES SHE HAVE TO TAKE ME?
I don't need any help
IT'S FINE, OUR HOUSES ARE IN THE SAME DIRECTION ANYWAY.
come on, let's go

OH, THEY CAME OUT.
COME ON YOUR HOUSE IS THIS WAY
GET YOUR HANDS OFF ME!
WHAT!?
H-HIS HOUSE?!

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CAREFUL NOW.
YOU SURE YOU'RE OK?
YOUR FEVER'S STARTING TO RISE BECAUSE YOU INSISTED ON COMING.
SHUT UP.
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MAN ..
HAVE YOU TAKEN YOUR MEDICINE YET?
NOT YET.

Is this where you keep your medicine? I'm gonna open this ok?
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ARE YOU RETARDED?
HURRY UP AND TAKE IT AND GO TO SLEEP.
IF I DRANK IT I'D GET SLEEPY AND THEN I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO WORK.
I drank it yesterday at least
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OH YEAH, I WANTED TO ASK YOU SOMETHING.
WHY DO YOU WORK SO HARD
FOR THE SHOP, TACHIBANA?
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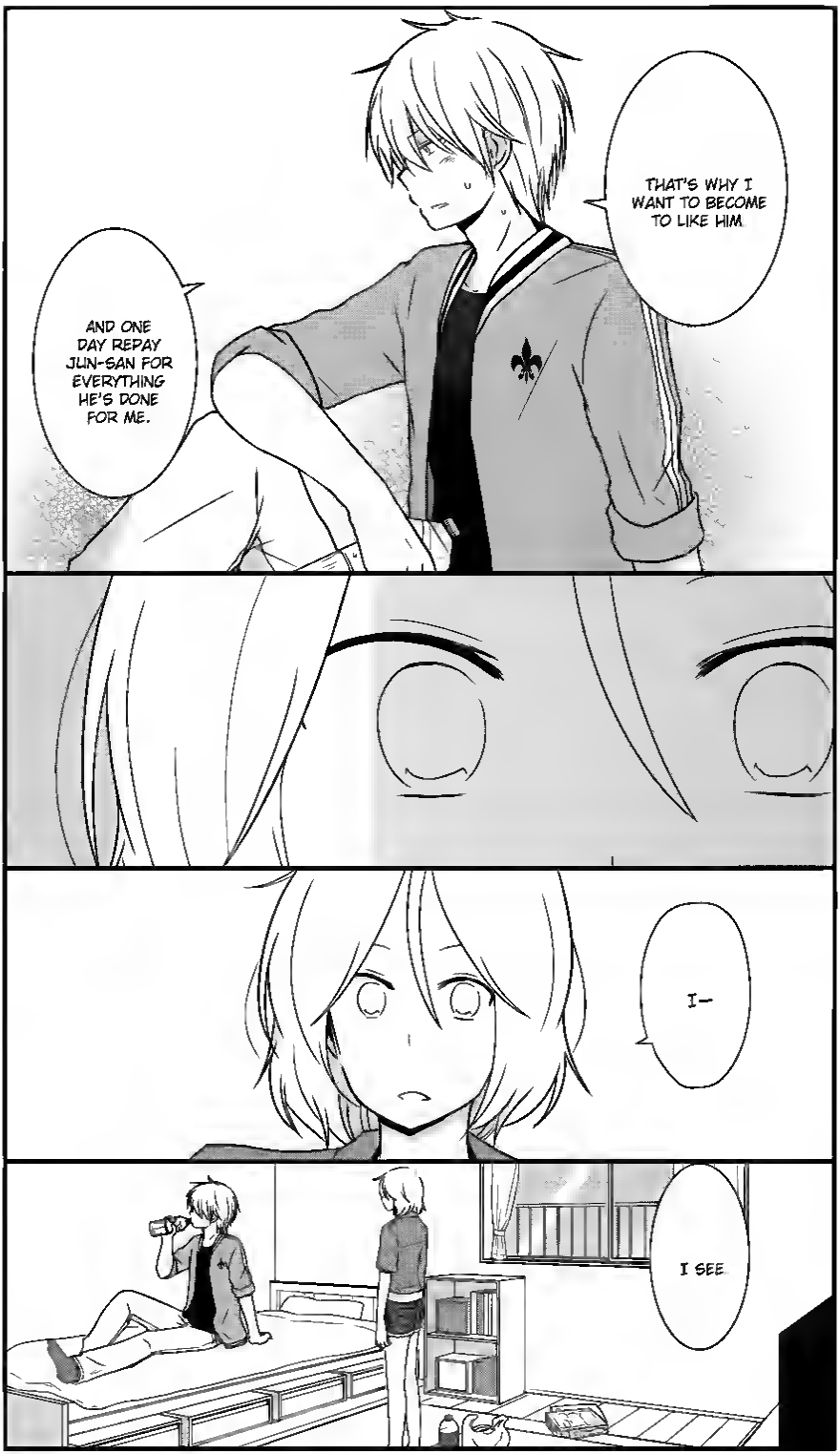
WHEN I WAS LITTLE
MY PARENTS DIVORCED.
NEITHER OF THEM WANTED TO TAKE ME.
THAT WAS WHEN MY DAD'S LITTLE BROTHER, JUN-SAN,
SAID HE'D TAKE ME IN
WANNA COME LIVE WITH ME, HAYATO?

BACK THEN, JUN-SAN WAS STILL LEARNING THE ROPES AND WAS PRETTY POOR
HE SHOULDN'T EVEN HAVE HAD THE TIME OR MONEY TO BE ABLE TO LOOK AFTER ME
EVEN STILL...
NO MATTER HOW TOUGH THINGS GOT
HE KEPT ON GOING FORWARD DOING HIS BEST.
I THOUGHT HE WAS REALLY COOL...


THAT'S WHY I WANT TO BECOME TO LIKE HIM.
AND ONE DAY REPAY JUN-SAN FOR EVERYTHING HE'S DONE FOR ME.
I—
I SEE.

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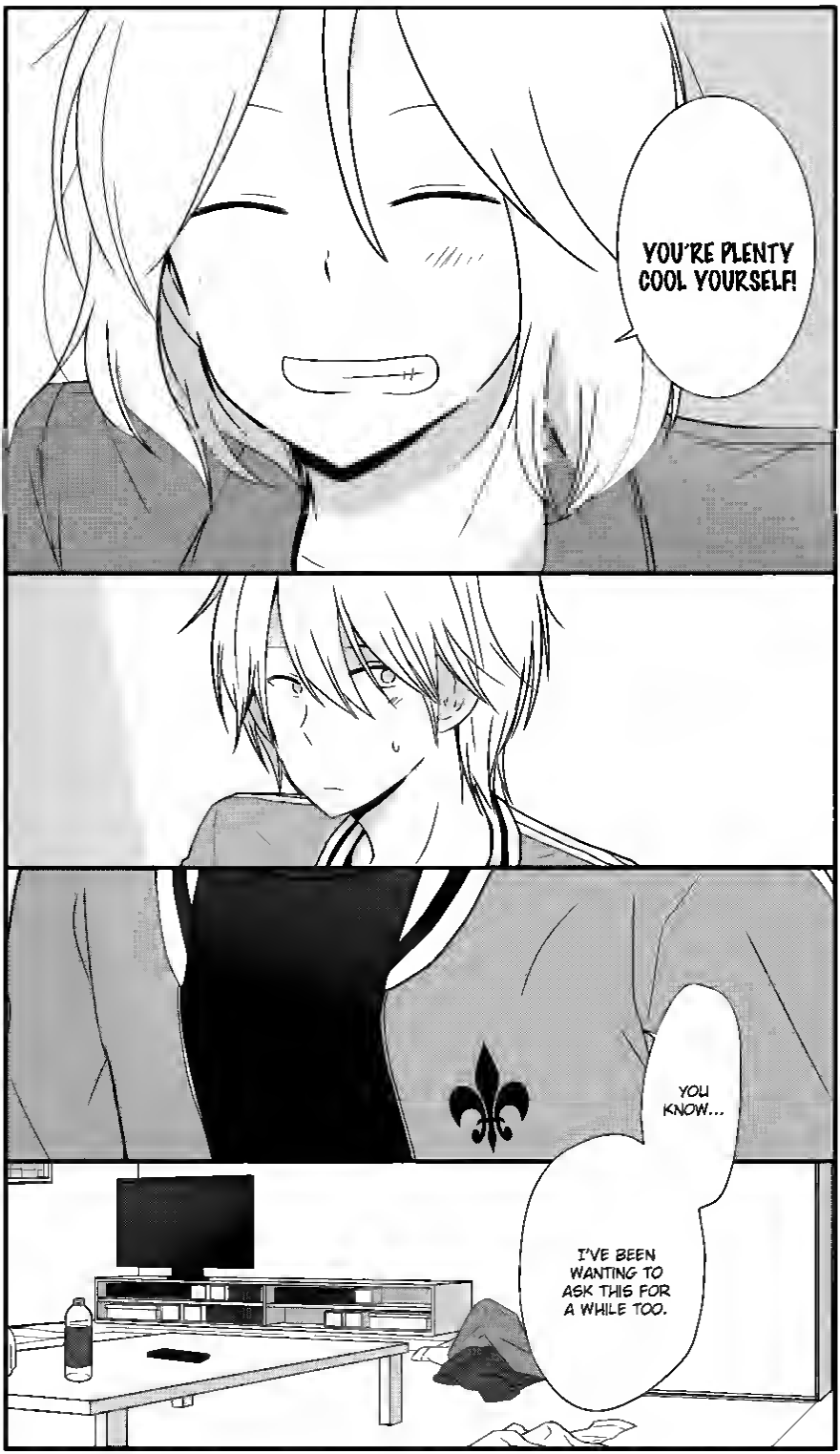
YOU'RE AMAZING, YOU KNOW THAT?
HUH?
EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE JUST A FRESHMAN YOU ALREADY HAVE A DREAM LIKE THAT
AND YOU'RE WORKING HARD TO ACHIEVE IT.


YOU'RE PLENTY COOL YOURSELF!
YOU KNOW...
I'VE BEEN WANTING TO ASK THIS FOR A WHILE TOO.

HOW ..
HOW COME YOU KEEP WORRYING ABOUT ME?
EVEN WHEN I TELL YOU TO GO AWAY, YOU STILL COME BACK.
YOU MUST HAVE SOME KIND OF REASON.
YOU'RE STILL SPOUTING THAT CRAP?
A REASON, HUH?
WELL, I USED TO WONDER WHY TOO.
WHENEVER I'M WITH YOU, I GET CAUGHT UP IN YOUR FIGHTS, YOU INSULT ME, NOTHING GOOD EVER HAPPENS!
EXACTLY! SO WHY DO YOU STILL TALK TO ME?
BUT I GET IT NOW

I—
JUST WANT TO BE FRIENDS WITH YOU, TACHIBANA!
THAT'S ALL.
FRIENDS?
WHA—
WHAT'RE YOU SAYING?
WAIT A MINUTE.

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IS YOUR FEVER STARTING TO RISE AGAIN?
YOUR FACE IS ALL RED TOO...
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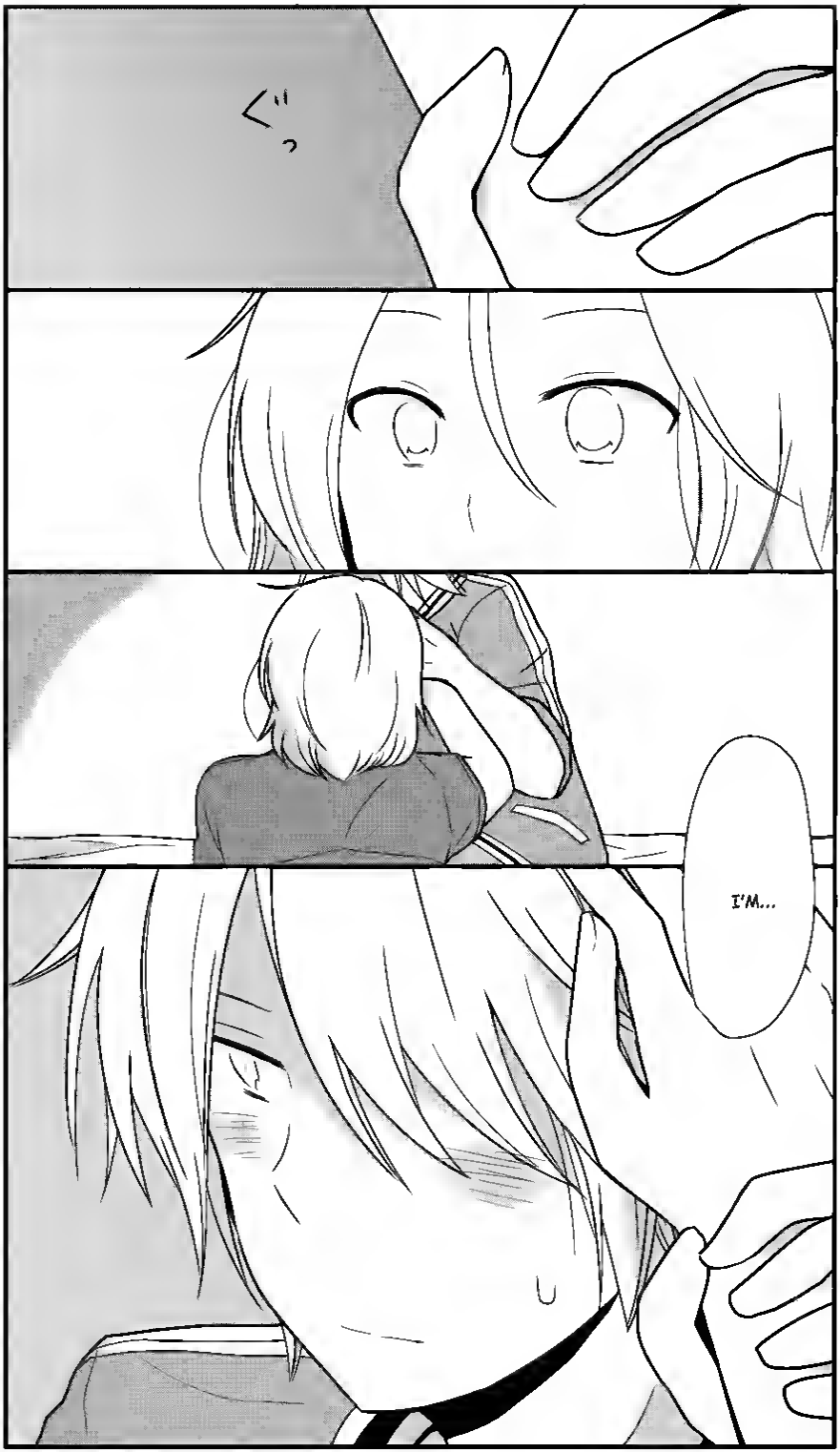
YEAH, YOU'RE REALLING BURNING UP.
I'LL GO HOME NOW SO MAKE SURE YOU GET SOME REST, OK?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I'M FINE NOW
HUH?
W-WHAT'S GOING ON?
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OH!
L-LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE'S HERE.
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IMMA— I MEAN, I'LL GO SEE WHO IT IS
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I'LL BE RIGHT THERE.
WHA—
YUUTA!?

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